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## Register Now for Free Dollars & Sense Training!

On **September 21** DNR and EPA are providing free training for government officials on brownfield real estate development. *Dollars and Sense: An Insider's Guide* will present private real estate redevelopers sharing tips on how they transform blighted properties into new redevelopment projects. Learn how developers assess the value of a brownfield project, control risks, develop teams, obtain government approvals and finance projects. Local, state and federal government officials and tribal members are welcome come hear from these experienced brownfield redevelopers about how they work in partnership with local governments.

As a bonus, we are also presenting a half-day of additional free training on the preceding afternoon, **September 20**. This portion of *Dollars and Sense* is called *Show Me the Brownfields Money!* Attend this afternoon session to learn about \$80 million in state and federal brownfield grants and loans available from DNR, the Department of Commerce and EPA. The September 20<sup>th</sup> training is open to all members of the public.

Both events will be at the Waunakee Village Center, redeveloped from a closed cannery. Government officials may attend the half-day financial training, the full-day real estate training, or both, and must register separately for each event. Registration is now available on-line at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/conference.htm>. If you will need a hotel room, you should make your reservation right away. Hotel information is on the conference registration web page.

## Green Space & Public Facilities Grants Are Still Available!

Six cities have requested over \$750,000 in Brownfield Green Space and Public Facilities Grants for seven projects, leaving funds for other new projects. Applications were due July 21, 2006, and we have not yet reviewed the eligibility of the seven applications we've received. But because the total requested is less than the \$1 million available in this biennium, the RR Program has decided to continue accepting applications. We plan to accept new applications until all funds are awarded, up until **March 31, 2007**.

This is a great opportunity for local governments and tribes to still take advantage of DNR's unique "Green Space" grants to help pay for environmental cleanup that is needed before developing green spaces, recreation areas, public buildings or other publicly used areas. Applicants may request grants of up to \$200,000. The applicant must be ready, or almost ready, to enter the cleanup phase of their project - investigation of contaminated areas is not covered by these funds. Applicants must also be ready to commit to long-term public use of the property. However, public ownership is not required in order to apply for a grant.

Any local government – city, village, town, county, redevelopment authority, community development authority, or housing authority – or tribe is eligible to apply for a grant. The application, instructions, and a grant fact sheet are on the web at [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace\\_grant.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace_grant.htm). You can also check this web page to see the list of current applications and previous grant recipients.

If you have questions, please contact Michael Prager, DNR, at 608-261-4927 or at [Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us). DNR is happy to help by discussing project eligibility with potential applicants.

### **Coastal Management Grants due November 3, Workshops Offered**

Wisconsin's Coastal Management Program again has \$1.5 million in grants to enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources in the state's coastal zone - all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan. These grants may be applied toward investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination. This year's applications are due **November 3**. For more information, including:

- a workshop schedule and registration,
- a web cast of the 2004 training session,
- the application form and instructions,
- lists of previous grant recipients, and
- sample grant applications,

please see the Coastal Management web page at [http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext\\_detail.asp?linksubcatid=250](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext_detail.asp?linksubcatid=250).

### **Paper Copies Must Accompany Electronic Submittals**

Sometimes consultants send plans and reports to DNR regional staff as attachments to emails or as files on a computer disk. While we appreciate the efficiency, we must also receive a paper copy of each submittal so that we can maintain complete public records in our files. Many people still visit our regional offices to review the paper files, and DNR does not have extra computers for the public to view on-line documents. Please follow any specific mailing procedures established by the regions. For example, in our Southeast Region all submittals must be mailed to the attention of Vicky Stovall. Vicky will enter receipt of the document into our database and then ensure that the appropriate project manager receives it for review.

### **List of Comprehensive Plans in WI**

The Department of Transportation has compiled a list of comprehensive local plans that were completed by the end of June. This may be a helpful resource for communities that are still working on their own plans. See the first link under "Data Resources" on this DOT web page - <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/land/comprehensive.htm>.

For the RR Program's *Brownfields and Comprehensive Planning* fact sheet, please see <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR679.pdf>.

### **Upcoming ITRC Webinars**

The Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRIC) is again offering web-based technical training. Upcoming seminars include

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - *Remediation Process Optimization Advanced Training*

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - *Planning and Promoting Ecological Land Reuse of Remediated Sites*

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> - *Perchlorate: Overview of Issues, Status, and Remedial Options*

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - *Triad Approach: A New Paradigm for Environmental Project Management*

Dates are subject to change. For an up-to-date schedule and registration, please see [www.itrcweb.org](http://www.itrcweb.org).